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Office Action Summary

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Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

Restriction is required under USC 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a container;

Group II, claims 14-21, drawn to method of making a container;

Group III, claims 22-25, drawn to an apparatus for making a container;

Group IV, claims 26-28, drawn to a method of filling a container;

Group V, claims 29-33, drawn to an apparatus for filling the container;

Group VI, claims 34 and 35, drawn to a container plus contents.

The special technical feature linking the inventions is a container comprising walls connected to form a closed compartment and duct means which extends from the compartment which container does not provide a contribution over the prior art as evidenced, for example, by the cited Fang et al (4,736,572) and Wild (EP 380107), and German Patent No. 69411588.5.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required in response to this Office action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Steven Weinstein whose telephone number is 703 308-0650. The examiner can generally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 703 308-3959. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application is assigned are 703 305-7718 for regular communications and 703 305-7718 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 305-0661.

Examiner Weinstein/ng
August 28, 2002


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